



## *Health Officials Confirm There Are Now 17 Cases Positive in Mohave County Includes 1 Death*

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (April 4, 2020) Mohave County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has been notified tonight of two additional COVID-19 positive cases. One out of these is from the Lake Havasu City area, who is epidemiologically linked to a previously identified Mohave County case. The other is a case in the Kingman area. Both individuals are adults and are isolating and recovering at their homes. Nurses have begun the contact investigations on both cases.

There are now 9 positive confirmed cases in the Lake Havasu City area, six in Kingman, and two in Bullhead City. One of the 17 has passed away and has become the first COVID-19-related death in the county. This person was over the age of 65 and had other underlying health conditions.

The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, or if you are a not an essential employee.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

COVID-19 spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms are thought to appear within two to 14 days after exposure and consist of fever, cough, runny nose, and difficulty breathing. For people with mild illness, individuals are asked to stay home, drink plenty of fluids, and get rest. For people with more severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath, individuals are advised to seek healthcare, using telemedicine where available.

Mohave County activated its Health Department Operations Center on February 1, 2020, after the first case of travel-associated COVID-19 was confirmed in Arizona. The Health Department Operations Center remains open to coordinate the County's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

For more information about the COVID-19 response in Arizona, go online to: <https://azdhs.gov/>

For more information about COVID-19 in Mohave County, please visit <https://covid-19-mohave.hub.arcgis.com/>.

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